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SUBJECT: AUGUST 20 EA PRESS SUMMARY

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1. PRES. WILL ADDRESS ONE OF HIS FAVORITE FORUMS, VFW CONVENTION, TODAY IN NEW ORLEANS. SPEECH EXPECTED TO BE TOUGH TALK ON CAMBODIA WITH CONTENTION THAT CONGRESS HAS ERODED STRUCTURE OF SEA PEACE BY FORCING BOMBING HALT, AND FIXING ON CONGRESS BLAME FOR ANY POSSIBLE COLLAPSE OF LON NOL REGIME (CANNON WP, PHINQ). CARTER (NYDN) BELIEVES PRES. WILL ASK NATION NOT TIE HIS HANDS ON FOREIGN POLICY AND NATIONAL DEFENSE, WILL FOCUS ON PERILOUS SEA SITUATION CAUSED BY FUNDS CUTOFF FOR MILITARY OPERATIONS AND WILL ACCUSE CONGRESS OF ABANDONING FRIEND. CHILDS (SUN) DISMAYED BY CHOICE OF VFW CONVENTION AS SYMPATHETIC AND SAFE AUDIENCE.

2. ALL REPORT UNEASY PP CALM SHATTERED SUNDAY WHEN BOMBS EXPLODE IN CENTRAL MARKET AND IN TWO MOVIE THEATERS IN EARLY AFTERNOON. AT LEAST 6 KILLED AND ABOUT 40 WOUNDED (LIPPMAN, WP). SEIDEN (SUN) REPORTS 4 KILLED AND MANY SERIOUSLY WOUNDED, AND TELLS OF WITNESSES WHO BELIEVE BOMB IN ONE MOVIE WAS DROPPED FROM BALCONY RESERVED FOR SOLDIERS.

3. FIGHTING AROUND PP AT LOW LEVEL WITH SOME SHELLING OF REPORTED 400 INFILTRATORS NEAR LAKE 5 MILES S. OF CITY (WP; NYDN, UPI). 104 TRUCK CONVOY CARRYING RICE, CORN AND LIVESTOCK FROM BATTAMBANG ARRIVED AT PP SATURDAY. CLASHES REPORTED AT KOMPONG SPEU AND KOMPONG CHAM (WP). KIRK (CHITRIB) REPORTS KOMPONG CHAM UNDER SIEGE AS GUERRILLA FORCES MASS ON APPROACHES TO TOWN AND GKR RUSHES IN SIX MORE BATTALIONS. OFFICIALS SAY TOWN WILL HOLD, BUT RESIDENTS FEAR WORST. ORIGINAL POPULATION OF 45,000 ALMOST DOUBLED BY REFUGEE INFLOW.

4. COMMUNISTS PROBE AND SHELL GVN POSITIONS 12 MI S. OF HUE AND CONTINUE BUILDUP IN AREA; 4 REDS UNCLASSIFIED

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AND 1 ARVN REPORTED KILLED IN ACTION (NYT; WP). GVN MILITIA POSITIONS IN DELTA MORTARED WITH 6 WOUNDED (WP). GVN CLAIMS MORE THAN 80,000 CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES SINCE C-F (CSM). SUN (REUTER) GIVES GVN BREAKDOWN OF CASUALTIES AS 30,000 REDS KILLED, 46,000 ARVN KILLED OR WOUNDED, AND 7,000 CIVILIANS KILLED, WOUNDED OR ABDUCTED.

5. 80 TRUCE VIOLATIONS OCCURRED IN SVN IN 30 HRS. ARCHBISHOP OF SAIGON, WITH THIEU IN AUDIENCE, CALLS FOR CONTACTS WITH CATHOLICS OF NORTH TO PROMOTE PEACE AND RECONCILIATION (SUN, REUTER).

6. ATTEMPTED RIGHT-WING COUP AGAINST RLG IN LAOS FAILS. SUN REPORTS LARGE EXPLOSION AT MILITARY BASE S. OF VIENTIANE, MUCH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE, RADIO STATION AND AIRPORT OCCUPIED AND ARMED T-28S FLYING OVER CITY. PHINQ SAYS RIGHT-WING TROOPS SEIZE STRATEGIC POINTS AND OCCUPY PREMIER'S RESIDENCE; BELIEVES COUP COMMANDED BY EITHER EXILED FORMER AF GEN PHAOMA OR CURRENT AF COMMANDER GEN THAO MA. WP REPORTS OVERTHROW ATTEMPT COLLAPSES WHEN PLANE CRASH SERIOUSLY INJURES COUP LEADER, GEN THAO MA.

THAILAND

7. INFORMED DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN BANGKOK SAY US-THAI TALKS ON WITHDRAWAL OF 45,000 US TROOPS IN THAILAND WILL BEGIN THIS WEEK. AGREEMENT TO HOLD TALKS REACHED FRIDAY AT 2-HOUR UNGER-THANOM MEETING; THEIR JOINT STATEMENT SAID WITHDRAWAL WILL BE GRADUAL AND RELATED TO SECURITY REQUIREMENTS OF AREA. SOURCES ADD THAT FRIDAY STATEMENT INDICATES US WANTS RETENTION SEVERAL THAI BASES (CSM).

KOREA

8. NYT REPORTS DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN SEOUL AND TOKYO INDICATE THAT STRONG WARNINGS FROM US AND JAPAN TO SK WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN SAVING LIFE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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KIDNAPPED KIM DAE JUNG. GOJ OFFICIALS SAY TANAKA HAS RECEIVED WRITTEN APOLOGY FROM PM KIM -- BUT BECAUSE KOREANS HAD DONE KIDNAPPING, NOT AS ADMISSION ROK WAS RESPONSIBLE. EVEN SO, GOJ REPORTEDLY WILL POSTPONE NEXT MONTH'S SCHEDULED MINISTERIAL MEETING WITH SK DESIGNED NEGOTIATE ECON AID TO ROK.

9. MORE THAN 200 KOREAN-AMERICANS DEMONSTRATE FOR KIM DAE JUNG'S RELEASE WITH RALLY AND MOTORCADE THROUGH DOWNTOWN WASHINGTON STREETS. RALLY CALLS FOR EXPULSION FROM US OF AMB. DANG JO KIM AND 4 KCIA OPERATIVES ALLEGED BASED HERE AND IMPLICATED IN KIM ABDUCTION. MANIFESTO ADOPTED BY RALLIERS URGES GOJ OBTAIN KIM'S RETURN TO TOKYO OR RISK SUSPICION WITH ROKG, AND ASKS US CONFIRM THAT KIM IS WELCOME VISITOR BY ENSURING HIS RETURN IN TIME TO TAKE UP HARVARD FELLOWSHIP THIS FALL (WP, AHN).

10. CSM'S COOLEY, IN BEIRUT, SAYS EGYPT'S USE OF NK PILOTS IS SEEN IN ARAB EYES AS NATURAL CAIRO MOVE TO REPLACE SOVIET PERSONNEL EXPELLED BY SADAT LAST YEAR. BUT WESTERN INTELLIGENCE EXPERTS TEND TO VIEW ENTRY OF NK FLIERS IN DEEPER PERSPECTIVE

OF BIG-POWER RIVALRY AND EGYPT'S INTERNAL POLITICS.

FRANCE'S S. PACIFIC A-TESTS

11. WHITLAM DENOUNCES REPORTED THIRD FRENCH TEST SUNDAY, SAYS GOA WILL TAKE "ALL APPROPRIATE STEPS TO BRING TO A HALT THESE DANGEROUS EXPERIEMENTS WHICH ARE CARRIED OUT IN DEFIANCE OF LAW AND MORALITY" (UPI WP, PHINQ, CHITRIB, NYDN). KIRK ALSO DENOUNCES NEW FRENCH BLAST, BUT SAYS HE HAS NO FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE IT TOOK PLACE (AP NYT, SUN; CSM).

CHINA

12. BURNS (TORONTO GLOBE & MAIL) IN PEKING REPORTS THOUSANDS OF SHIRTSLEEVED DELEGATES ATTENDED THEIR THIRD MEETING IN 3 DAYS YESTERDAY, INDICATING POLITICAL GATHERING OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE -- POSSIBLY PARTY'S UNCLASSIFIED

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10TH NATIONAL CONGRESS -- IS UNDER WAY (NYT).

13. PRC OBSERVES FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF SOVIET'S INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WITH ATTACK ON KREMLIN'S "DIABOLIC . . . SOCIAL IMPERIALISTS" (UPI, NYDN).

14. PRC RADIO REPORTS 3 NE PROVINCES -- HEILUNGKIANG, LIAONING AND KIRIN -- HAD GOOD WHEAT HARVESTS THIS YEAR, DESPITE COLD WEATHER IN HEILUNGKIANG AND DROUGHT IN KIRIN (WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

15. HALLORAN (NYT), IN SEOUL, FINDS FEAR OF KCIA WIDESPREAD AMONG KOREANS. AGENCY GENERALLY REGARDED IN SK AS PARK'S MAIN INSTRUMENT FOR POLITICAL REPRESSION. "ITS AGENTS, OFTEN VISIBLE, ARE EVERYWHERE. NO TELEPHONE IS CONSIDERED SAFE FROM TAPPING AND NO OFFICE, HOTEL ROOM OR EVEN HOME FREE FROM ELECTRONIC BUGGING." KCIA PERFORMS DUTIES "THAT ANY NATION WOULD THINK NECESSARY TO PROTECT ITSELF," LIKE US CIA; BUT IT ALSO IS "QUITE CLEARLY A SECRET POLICE," AND ITS REACH IS NOT CONFINED TO SK. INFORMED US AND SK SOURCES IN SEOUL MAINTAIN EVIDENCE SEEN SO FAR ALL POINTS TO ITS INVOLVEMENT IN KIM DAE JUNG ABDUCTION, WITH OK OF PARK AND LEE HU RAK. INFORMED S. KOREANS SAY KCIA ATTRACTS WELL-EDUCATED, INTELLIGENT, DEDICATED MEN, CAPABLE OF ACQUIRING AND ANALYZING INFORMATION; AT OTHER EXTREME, IT ALSO REQUIRES MUSCLE MEN WHO DO ROUGH JOBS WITHOUT QUESTION. OUTLINE OF KCIA MISSION AND ORGANIZATION PIECED TOGETHER FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES SHOWS IT HAS 8 OPERATIONAL

BUREAUS WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND 2 ASSISTANT DIRECTORS IMMEDIATELY BELOW LEE AND SEVERAL STAFF OFFICES. BUREAUS NUMBERED ONE THROUGH NINE (1-ADMIN; 2-CULTURAL AFFAIRS; 3-COUNTER INTELLIGENCE; 5-INTERNAL SECURITY; 6-SPECIAL MISSIONS, SUCH AS DIRTY TRICKS; 7-FOREIGN DATA; 8-PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE; 9-NK AFFAIRS), BUT WITHOUT FOURTH BUREAU BECAUSE NUMBER 4 BELIEVED UNCLASSIFIED

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MOST UNLUCKY IN SK. HALLORAN SAYS KCIA AGENTS WATCHING FOREIGNERS IN HOTEL LOBBIES "ARE USUALLY EASY TO SPOT. ONE WAS STATIONED NEAR THE DOOR OF THIS CORRESPONDENT" ROOM FOR MOST OF A FIVE-DAY STAY AND REPORTED COMINGS AND GOING BY PHONE."

16. NYT RECALLS THAT AS PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRANT, PRES. DESCRIBED SEATO AS "A SOMEWHAT ANACHRONISTIC RELIC." SAYS THAT WAS AN UNDERSTATEMENT THEN BUT IS EVEN MORE SO NOW, SINCE SEATO IS SYMBOL OF DISCARDED

COLD-WAR POLICY OF MILITARY INTERVENTION. GIVES TEPID ENDORSEMENT TO SECRETARY ROGERS' ANNOUNCED PLANS TO PLACE MORE STRESS ON INCREASED ECON COOPERATION AND LESS ON MILITARY ASPECTS WHEN HE MEETS WITH SEATO MINISTERS NEXT MONTH. FEELS IT WOULD BE MORE PRACTICAL WITH CHANGED INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE TO CHANNEL FUTURE US ASSISTANCE TO SEA THROUGH MORE REPRESENTATIVE REGIONAL AGENCIES SUCH AS ASEAN, SET UP FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

17. GLOBE-MAIL'S JOHN BURNS (CSM) IN PEKING DISCUSSES PRC SUCCESSION PROBLEM AND CONCLUDES THAT CCP CONGRESS IS UNLIKELY TO REPEAT "GHASTLY MISTAKE" OF 9TH CONGRESS NAMING LIN PIAO AS MAO SUCCESSOR. SAYS NEW CONGRESS WILL AT LEAST WRITE LIN OUT OF PARTY CONSTITUTION AS SUCCESSOR AND MIGHT IGNORE SUCCESSION QUESTION LIKE ALL CONGRESSES PRIOR TO THE 9TH. IT MIGHT OFFER SOME FORMALIZED VERSION OF COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP TO BE FOUND AMONG THOSE NAMED TO TOP PARTY ORGANS BY NEW CONGRESS. OBSERVES THAT AFTER MAO-CHOU TEAM, CHINA MUST TURN TO NEW GENERATION OF LEADERS WHO WERE FOR MOST PART NEITHER FIGURES IN KIANGSI SOVIET NOR MAO'S COMPANIONS IN LONG MARCH - QUALIFICATIONS THAT MARK MEMBERS OF THE OLDER POLITBURO GENERATION. NOTES SPECULATION THAT ANY SUCCESSOR GROUP WOULD INCLUDE CHIANG CHING. EXPECTS MAO TO KEEP A RELATIVELY LOW PROFILE AT CONGRESS, NOTING RECENT INDICATORS. THIS DEVELOPMENT SAID TO BE A COUNTER TO LIN PIAO'S STRATEGEM OF EXCESSIVELY PROMOTING CULT OF MAO'S UNCLASSIFIED

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GENIUS IN ORDER TO DIVORCE HIM FROM THE MASSES.

18. LAT'S LAMB (AUG. 17), CONTINUING HIS AUSTRALIAN TRAVELS, WRITES PIECE ON TENNANT CREEK, DESCRIBED AS DUSTY MINING TOWN WHOSE 2,350 INHABITANTS HAVE FEW AMENITIES OTHER THAN BEER. MINES, PRIMARILY THE PEKO MINE, MAKE IT AUSTRALIA'S TOP GOLD PRODUCING AREA - ABOUT \$1 MILLION/MONTH. AREA ALSO RICH WITH COPPER AND BISMUTH. ROGERS

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